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LIQUID

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CHANGE OF ENTITY STATUS

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Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant no longer qualifies as a small entity. Please change the Applicant's status to "Large Entity".

On 11 April 2005, Applicant's attorney submitted the Issue Fee for a small entity. However, Applicant's change in status to large entity occurred prior to the submission of the Issue Fee. Therefore, submitted contemporaneously herewith is

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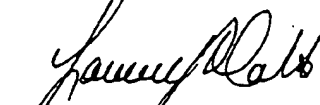

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the additional \$700.00 Issue Fee. This additional \$700.00 combined with the \$700.00 submitted on 11 April 2005 results in the proper \$1400.00 Issue Fee for a large entity.

If the Commissioner has any questions that can be answered by telephone, please contact the patent attorney of record at the telephone number listed below.

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